

# Edmonton Bulletin.

Senate Reading Room

## TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 23, '97.  
Tarte-Greier libel case is proceeding at Montreal.

Mapleists are anxious to make peace with the British.  
Strike is announced in New York of building trades.

Two Ottawa young men were drowned in Lake Dechenes.

It is said that General Gascoigne will not return to Canada.

Three young girls were burned to death at Sturgeon Falls.

Seventy-five thousand coal miners have returned to work.

The Mahdi will not oppose British occupation of Khartoum.

Ontario lumber regulations will not be changed until April.

Five thousand miners have returned to work in Hamilton district.

A \$10,000 gold brick arrived at Rat Portage from Mikado mine.

The grain standard board is in session in Winnipeg fixing standards.

Greek politicians and press denounce the treaty of peace with Turkey.

The Hawaiian senate ratified the treaty of annexation to the United States.

An explosion at Buda Pest greatly alarmed Emperor William and Francis Joseph.

Many miners are returning from Skagway unable to cross the pass to Lake Bennett.

Spaniards are greatly disturbed over President McKinley's message on Cuban affairs.

The widow of Rens has been supplying Philippine insurgents with munitions of war.

No announcement has been made as to Sir Oliver Mowat's successor as minister of justice.

The Dominion government will construct a telegraph line over White pass to the Yukon.

No further advance up the Nile will be made at present by the Anglo-Egyptian expedition.

British shippers are uncertain as to the effect and scope of the Canadian preferential tariff.

The Grand Trunk railway is said to be backing Allan and Dominion lines on winter port question.

The Hudson's Bay exploration steamer, Diana, will return to St. John's, Newfoundland, this week.

The United States ambassador, Woodford, presented the United States views in Cuba to the Duke of Tetuan.

The names of Lister, Charlton and Sutherland are mentioned in connection with the Dominion cabinet.

The attorney-general of the United States has decided that clause 22 of the Dingley bill is inoperative in respect to Canadian railways and British ships.

## TODAY'S TRAIN.

One car line for J. J. Duggan.

Three way cars.

## LOCAL.

Train left Calgary on time.

MESSRS. J. L. ROBERTSON from Oregon and J. O. Pottinger of Wisconsin, arrived on Monday's train.

C. GALLAGHER purchased 204 hogs from Brackman & Ker last week to be slaughtered at his establishment.

BRACKMAN & KER are preparing to erect an additional elevator in South Edmonton and a new one in Wetaskiwin.

GUS. JOHNSTONE is erecting a spacious residence in the east end, 16 x 22, with brick foundation and brick veneer.

A. H. HEMING, of Hamilton, is organizing a Klondike party to take the Mackenzie route in the spring, leaving Edmonton in April.

THE INDIANAPOLIS News of the 10th inst. says that W. C. Connelly, an oil prospector of that district, had just started for the Klondike via Edmonton.

T. H. REID arrived from Chicago on Monday's train to make enquiries as to the Edmonton route to the Yukon on behalf of fifteen Chicago people who expect to make the trip in the spring.

M. MCKINSON purchased 150 head of cattle, two and three years old, from J. W. Nisbet, this week for Gordon & Iremonger, for shipment on October 10th. The price runs from \$25 to \$35.

G. W. LANG who arrived from Los Angeles, California, a short time ago bound for the Yukon, recently brought in a car of horses from the south for use on the trip. He will winter them here to start north about March next.

A. KOASKE, of Chicago, who came in a couple of weeks ago, will open up business as a tailor and furrier in the store formerly occupied by E. L. Smith on Jasper avenue. Mrs. Koaske came in on last train to join her husband.

MESSRS. JOHANNES SEIERSTEDT, Kristian Eikenberg and Richard Mohn arrived from Chicago on Monday's train bound for the Yukon by the Mackenzie route. They are having a boat built by J. Walter 24 feet in length by 7 foot beam, to carry three tons. They will pull out for the Landing on Saturday.

THE CHICAGO parties who came in on Monday had purchased a large part of their outfit in Chicago, and lost a good deal of money by doing so. They paid \$8.50 there and 35 per cent duty, equal to almost \$3 or \$11.50 in all, for blankets which they could have purchased here for \$6.50. All wooled goods are much cheaper here than here and the duty has to be paid besides.

J. H. WITHERSPOON, J. E. Enright, W. H. Bert, T. C. Stevens and M. Liebman arrived from Chicago on Monday's train Yukon bound. They purchased from the H. B. Co. one of the boats built by John Walter for the first Chicago party, with which to make the voyage down the Mackenzie. Their baggage went to the Landing on Wednesday and they started this morning.

A. SYNDER arrived on Monday from Camrose and Sandon with six pack horses, bound for Peace River; this fall the Yukon in the spring. Mr. Snyder is an experienced packer, and his judgment as to loading pack horses for a long journey is that 100 to 150 pounds is plenty if time is to be made and the horses taken through. He considers, however, that two men can handle a train of 10 pack horses. This would mean that the men were expert packers and the horses accustomed to the work.

Mrs. W. L. Wood left for the Landing on Wednesday.

W. H. QUAIL, ranchman of New Oxley, was in town last week looking after some business interests here.

Mrs. J. M. LAY has gone to Calgary to meet her father, Collingwood Schriber, deputy minister of railways.

PROF. PRITCHARD H. S. Young returned from Lake St. Ann, where they had been visiting the fisheries, on Monday.

ALAN. FRASER's threshing was taken to Stony Plain to-day to commence work. Isaac Ingersoll has leased the machine.

W. J. O. BROWNE and Mr. Leman of Innisfail are preparing for a trip to Peace river, by way of Fort Assiniboine, to return this fall.

The corner stone of McDougall & Secord's new building was laid on Wednesday, and a large force of men is at work rushing the building right along. The foundation footings are of concrete.

The demand for Alberta butter is increasing in British Columbia. The last lot of government butter sold at Revelstoke went at 22 cents. The stock on hand was sold out and a fresh supply was wanted.

The public will be interested in hearing that the "Family Herald and Weekly Star" of Montreal has now the largest circulation in the world of any publication of its class. It has gone to the top by leaps and bounds.

MONDAY next, the 27th inst., is the Jewish New Year, and Monday and Tuesday will be observed as holidays by all followers of the Jewish faith. Messrs. Sigler & Cristall's store will be closed on the two days.

THE CHICAGO Inter Ocean publishes a copy of Gairdner & Harrison's map of the Edmonton routes to the Yukon, and reprints the pamphlet of information issued by the firm. The Inter Ocean has a correspondent with the first Chicago party which passed through under the leadership of Mr. War-moita.

A PRIVATE letter from Wetaskiwin says that the government creamery there is doing as well as expected; this summer, with every indication that next summer there will be an immense increase in patronage. Two new "skimming stations" have been organized which will bring the patronage up to 800 cows, next season.

THE MINNEAPOLIS Journal of Sept. 6th, publishes a map showing the land and water routes from Edmonton to Alaska. It speaks of a Prof. Adair of that city who is being employed by a Canadian company some of whose members are also members of parliament, to explore for a railroad route from Edmonton to Alaska by way of the Yukon next spring.

THE CALGARY Herald's special Klondike edition is to hand. It comprises eight pages of very good information in regard to the Yukon and the way to get there, accompanied by a full page map of the route. This special edition of the Herald will do good work in drawing attention to the land and water routes from Edmonton.

It has been decided by the engineer that it will be necessary to drive piles for the foundation of the bridge, as the test well did not show the solid strata that was expected. The foundation upon which the piers will rest is not rock and yet it is so hard that possibly piles cannot be driven in it. Pile drivers are being built for the work.

WINNIPEG Commercial of Sept. 20th speaking editorially of the routes to the Yukon: "No doubt a great many people will go via the Edmonton route next year, while if the Stickeen route is found to be as favorable as has recently been reported it will no doubt be opened up." The eastern interests which support the Canadian route must be infinitely obliged to that journal for the strained impartiality of its remarks regarding the rival routes.

The boring for oil at Victoria has reached a depth of 610 feet. As yet no indications of oil have been discovered and none are expected until a depth of 2200 feet is reached. Mr. Fraser expects to reach a depth of 1000 feet this fall. On the closing of the work at Pelican rapids on account of the flow of gas, the gang of borers from there went to Victoria. It is expected that the gas at Pelican rapids will exhaust itself by spring, when operations can be resumed, and expert drillers are confident of striking oil 200 feet below their present depth.

A REPORT from inspector Constantine, at Dawson, under date August 11th, states that three of the Yukon river boats have been dismantled and the cargo secured most of the provisions which the transportation companies were under contract to lay down at Dawson for the police and surveyors. Colonel Herchmer, in a letter to Controller White, fears that Administrator Walsh will not be able to reach Dawson this winter. He does not think that the huskie dogs which are to transport the party will be able to carry enough food for the journey. One hundred and twenty-three dogs have been secured for the use of the party.

W. MCKAY is back from Egg lake, north side, where he was putting up a spur telegraph line for the Roman Catholic mission on the half-breed reserve there. Buildings are being erected there for the sisters of charity now at Lac la Biche, and the girls and saw mill now there will also be removed there. About 30 half-breed families now reside in the settlement. The crops were good this season, but the average is yet small. At Saddle lake the crop was very poor. At Victoria further west crops were good and there were less signs of fall than at Edmonton. At Beaver creek the crop was particularly heavy. It was all cut and a very large part stacked.

CHAS. SANDISON arrived from Sandon on Monday's train. The drop in the price of silver has seriously affected mining in the Kootenay. The best mines are still working nearly their full force, but a wet blanket has been thrown on speculative mining which formed a very large part of the Kootenay boom. Bonded properties are being dropped in all directions and nearly all except the shipping syndicates are being closed down. The Home-Payne syndicate, which owned and was working extensively a lot of properties, has almost entirely shut down, including their property at Illecillewaet, notwithstanding that it had been christened Laurier. At the same time many of the really good shipping mines have made as much on the rise in the value of their lead as they have lost on the fall of silver. The copper end of the business is also good, and needless to say gold has not declined. As made and the horses taken through. He considers, however, that two men can handle a train of 10 pack horses. This would mean that the men were expert packers and the horses accustomed to the work.

THE EDMONTON BULLETIN is kept on file at the Globe Hotel St. Paul, Minn.

F. FAIRCHILD, the well known implement dealer of Winnipeg, came up on last train on a business trip. Mr. Fairchild has driven about a good deal since his arrival and says Edmonton has a great crop. He has no doubt that wheat buyers will be on the market here in good time.

TWENTY-FIVE thousand dollars worth of fur is being re-packed in J. A. McDougall's warehouse for shipment to the great London fairs. This is the return brought in last week from Nagle's and Bielop's trading posts at Resolution and Rae on Great Slave lake. The list includes otter, fisher, beaver, martens, mink, foxes red, black and white, musk ox and indeed specimens of all the furs caught in the north.

SNOW is being hauled by barge and gravel screened for use in the concrete foundations of the bridge. The stone will be broken into small pieces. The necessary cement was ordered some weeks ago, but is not here yet. Tamarac piles will be used in the foundation of the bridge, the latter placed before navigation opens. The only answer to this is that all things are possible with money, but as to whether the speculation would be probably possible the gentleman had better come here and judge for himself.

A PRIVATE letter has been received in Edmonton from San Francisco asking for information by a gentleman who wishes to take \$10,000 worth of goods from Edmonton to Klondike, reaching the latter place before navigation opens. The only answer to this is that all things are possible with money, but as to whether the speculation would be probably possible the gentleman had better come here and judge for himself.

## HARVEST HOME.

The annual harvest home festival of the Methodist church was held on Tuesday evening, and was very largely attended. The weather left nothing to be desired for such an occasion.

Tea was served from 5:30 to 7:30 in the grounds adjoining the parsonage. After tea seats were taken in the church, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, grain and vegetables for the occasion. The opening exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. Dyke, who then introduced the chairman, Mayor McDougall.

The chairman gave a short address in which he spoke of the bountiful harvest and the general prosperity with which the district was blessed this year. The following programme was rendered:

Solo, "Warrior Bold," F. Richards, Miss Richards accompanying; anthem, "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord," choir; reading, "A Scotch Wrangle," Mrs. Dyke; solo, "Heart of My Heart," Mrs. Hockley, Miss Richardson accompanying; piano solo, Mr. Petter, encore; solo, "Jerusalem," E. Kaymer, Miss McLeod accompanying; solo, "Afterwards," Miss Richardson, Miss Thomson accompanying; solo, "Frier of orders gray," Mr. Heathcote, encore, "Simon the Cellarer," Mr. Whitcombe accompanying; trio, "Nearer My God to thee," Messrs. F. Richards, V. Richards and Rev. W. B. Chegwin. God Save the Queen. A sale of cakes was held in the refreshment tent at the conclusion of the entertainment.

## THRESHING.

The threshing force of the district has been increased this season by four machines:

An "Advance" separator 36-60, 16 horse power engine purchased by the Sturgeon Threshing Co. from T. Bellamy.

A "Champion" separator, 16 horse power engine, sold by R. Stewart, of the Massey agency, to Noah Zeigler, of Stony Plain.

An "Advance" separator 30-56, sold by T. Bellamy to Shackleton Bros. and McLellan.

A large separator with 16 horse power engine brought from Manitoba by Alex Fraser.

A large separator brought from Wetaskiwin by E. Townsend.

The machines which will work in the different settlements as nearly as can be learned are as follows:

Stony Plain—D. Brox, McKinlay Bros., Noah Zeigler and Alex. Fraser leased to I. Ingram, all steam power.

St. Albert and Morinville—A. D. McLeod, D. McDonald, F. Macdonald, steam; J. Dupuis, Williams and McMillan, and J. Rowland, horse power.

Sturgeon—Sturgeon Threshing Company.

Poplar lake—Poplar Lake Threshing Company.

Belmont—McLeod & Ross.

Fort Saskatchewan, north—La-moureux Bros.

Rabbit Hill—Henderson & Stewart.

Indian reserve—August Chatz.

Clearwater—E. Townsend.

Leduc—Latam & Frederick.

East Edmonton—McKernan & Stephens.

Clover Bar—P. Ottewell.

Agriola—W. Walker, Shackleton & McLellan.

Fort Saskatchewan—Godbout, horse power.

Manawan—Bibbee's horse power.

Beaver lake—J. D. McAllister, horse power.

Logan—R. Logan, horse power.

It is believed that there are not nearly enough machines to thresh out the grain before Christmas.

Mrs. HARDISTY, left for Toronto on Tuesday's train accompanied by Messrs. Percy and Donald Hardisty, her son and nephew respectively. Mrs. Hardisty will reside in Toronto during the attendance of Mr. Percy Hardisty at college.

Play on Saturday at the golf links resulted as follows: G. L. Slocock, 91; A. Taylor, 101; B. A. Rutan, 102; Mrs. Cowie, 89; Mrs. Braithwaite, 69; Mrs. Cann, 69. It being too late to replay lots were drawn resulting in the order given.

## FIRES.

A stack of hay which had been put up in a dry swamp, about two miles west of town, was destroyed by fire about a week ago. Although the grass is as yet too green to burn and therefore the fire did not spread rapidly it has been burning slowly in the peaty matter of the swamp. Unless a slight rise of the wind would send such a fire sweeping over the country.

M. McCauley, M. L. A. is taking measures to have this fire put completely out. But fires are more likely to be started from this than from any other cause in the fall and all parties should unite in putting them out. A little carelessness now may destroy all the benefits of our bountiful harvest throughout large sections of the country. Hitherto people have not appreciated the importance of keeping down fires. It is to be hoped that in a season when they have so much to lose they will make common cause against the common enemy. No expense of time or money is too great to be expended in protecting against and putting out fires.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PURE BRED Shropshire Rams.

A number of Pedigreed Shropshire Rams for sale. A few ewes of the best breeding will also be sold cheap in order to reduce the flock. Price, delivered by express at any station in the North West, quoted upon application. We have a few Thoroughbred Berhms and Plymouth Rock Chickens on hand, to be disposed of at low prices to make room for breeding stock. Address:

THE MANAGER OF CRAIGHURST FARM, Box 129, Calgary, Alberta.

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#### WHY THE BUSHEL?

Why do we calculate the price of grain and vegetables by the bushel? They are never sold by measure now-a-days. Always by weight. Now that we sell such a large part of our farm products in British Columbia where the ton is the standard it is a perpetual source of annoyance to everyone handling grain and interested directly or indirectly in British Columbia prices that an arithmetical process must be gone through either to reduce bushels to tons or tons to bushels before he understands what the prices are. Talk about the conservative business methods of England. It is nothing to our case where with a decimal money system we still use an awkward measurement in calculation as to value which we never use in calculation as to quantity. A calculation on the basis of cents to the hundred pounds would be accurate and simple to the last degree, and by the easiest mental process would give the price in tons for British Columbia and in bushels for Manitoba.

#### A MILLION BUSHELS.

Harvest is over in this district and stacking and threshing are in progress. The season has been one of the most favorable in the history of Edmonton. Except a few fields damaged by hail, some of which recovered almost entirely—there have been absolutely no hindrances or drawbacks to the growth and maturity of the crop. The weather at the time of ripening was particularly favorable, sun and shower being mingled in such due proportion that the filling process accompanied the ripening, so that while the appearance of the standing crop left nothing to be desired, the returns from the threshers so far as received surpass the expectations based on that appearance—something that seldom occurs in any country. If there is any choice the wheat crop is the best. This is not the least satisfactory feature of the situation in view of the improving price of wheat.

When the BULLETIN last year ventured to assert on the basis of the work of the threshers, that the crop of the Edmonton district would reach a total of half a million bushels it was considered to be away over the mark, but the year's exports added to the known home consumption have shown that the estimate was below the actual amount. This year the BULLETIN places the lowest possible estimate at a round million bushels, basing its calculations as follows:

There has been 160,000 pounds of binder twine actually sold in the Edmonton district this season. A large amount of grain has been cut by machines other than binders or left unbound on account of the scarcity of cord, the supply of which was several times exhausted. For the purpose of this calculation it is estimated that 10,000 pounds more cord would have been required to bind this grain. A great deal of the grain required five pounds of cord to the acre, and very little took less than three. Estimating that an average of four pounds of cord to the acre was required, the amount of cord actually used and estimated to be further required, 170,000 pounds in all, would give 42,500 acres of grain, wheat, oats and barley. At 25 bushels an acre all around, which will be admitted to be a very low estimate for grain in the best of condition in every way which required four pounds of cord to the acre to tie it, the bushels would reach a total of 1,062,500. But this is beyond question far below the mark. Judging by the returns received from the threshers so far wheat alone will average from 25 to 30 bushels, oats from 50 to 75 and barley not less than 35. If half the crop is wheat, as it probably is, there would be half a million bushels of wheat at 25 bushels to the acre. Of the other half of the crop by far the larger part is oats, so that the average of that half will not be less than 50 bushels an acre or a million bushels of oats and half a million of wheat, or a million and a half bushels of grain at a very conservative estimate. There is very little doubt that the full returns will not fall short of two million bushels of all grains. Although the

whole of Manitoba and the Northwest is enjoying the blessing of a good crop this season there is no question that the crop of the Edmonton district is greater per acre than in any other part of Manitoba or the Territories—as indeed it almost always is, but hitherto the total quantity has not been sufficient to attract attention.

#### GRAIN COMBINE.

The elevator owners who are the grain buyers of Manitoba have entered into a combine. They say for the purpose of saving expense in handling grain; others say for the purpose of squeezing the farmer out of his fair share of the profits of his farm in this his first profitable season of many. Dealing with this subject the chief organ of monopoly in Eastern Canada says regarding the part likely to be played in this game by the C. P. R.:

"The interests of the great Canadian railway are so bound up in the development of the west that even gigantic profits of a combination in this fat year would scarcely repay the loss through certain injury to the prairie country. Besides the railway is sufficiently under control of the Dominion ministry to have any such movement checked the moment it has become apparent."

As long as the Globe can use the reputation for honesty of purpose and the vast circulation thereby secured for it by the late Hon. George Brown for the purpose of misleading the people of Eastern Canada as to the attitude of the C. P. R. towards the Northwest so long there is no hope of securing relief from the curse of railway monopoly in this country; so long we will be at the mercy of schemes such as this, and so long we cannot expect the progress that we should and would have under proper conditions. As to the railway being sufficiently under control of the government to prevent such a combine as that alluded to—that is a little joke by the Globe. So far the Globe has dictated the Northwest railway policy of the government; and the Globe's policy has by a most remarkable coincidence been manifestly and solely in the most selfish interests of the C. P. R.

#### OUTFIT AT EDMONTON.

The following letter has been sent by one of the Yukon bound travellers to a leading Winnipeg paper for the information of other travellers who may be led into loss and delay by purchasing their outfits where the seller has no interest in seeing them properly supplied, nor knowledge as to what would be a proper supply:

DEAR SIR,  
Will you kindly insert this letter in the columns of your valuable paper. There are a good many of your readers thinking of going to the Yukon via the Edmonton route, and I should like to give them a few words of advice in regard to their outfits. Also our experience in purchasing our own. Myself and partner purchased our outfits in Manitoba and shipped the same from Elkhorn, per freight on Sept. 9th. Here we are still waiting for [the same, and cannot get any track of it.

Now since stopping here I find that we could have saved quite 30 per cent. besides the worry of losing valuable time, which means quite an item to people intending to travel these northern regions. The merchants here seem quite able to supply everything needed and in a less bulky form than what you can purchase down east of here, as they understand the requirements of miners; and are so obliging in regard to advice, whether you purchase or not.

I am not writing this as an advertisement as my purchases in this town have been small, but I intend it just for advice to intending gold seekers. I have spoken to quite a number of men who have travelled over this route right to the Pelly river and they think the advantages are quite 50 per cent. over the coast route. We expect to leave here Friday or Saturday, the 24th or 25th.

Plenty of pack horses can be bought here. We are paying for ours about \$20 each.

C. H. MASSINA.

#### WEALTH AND STARVATION.

A San Francisco despatch of Sept. 16th says: "The long overdue steamer Excelsior which left St. Michaels, Alaska, for this port six weeks ago, arrived here this morning with sixty-three passengers and about \$2,500,000 in gold. Of those who came down from Alaska, all but two are known to have money; but few were communicative enough to admit how much they had. F. Hayes, of Portland, was conceded to have the largest individual amount, but upon being interviewed he would admit having but \$35,000. All unite in confirming the stories already told of impending danger of famine at Dawson City during the coming winter. They say there are at least 7,000 people at Dawson City, and that more are

swarming in every day, but that the provisions are already running short and the prospects of getting more are remote.

#### FROM NELSON RIVER.

John L'Anglais, who arrived from Peace and Nelson rivers on Monday, had a very hard experience. He went to Peace river in the spring of '96 with a band of fifteen horses. Eight were packed and under saddle. He went by Fort Assiniboine and the east end of Lesser Slave lake, leaving St. Albert about March 16th. From Fort Assiniboine to Slave lake only took seven days. The ice was solid in the lake when it was reached and the horses travelled on the ice, making the length of the lake in four or five days. The portage to Peace river took four days.

Mr. L'Anglais started on his trip from Fort St. John to Nelson river in April last accompanied by Messrs. L. Langevin, Eli Ringuette and G. Farlardeau. They had seven horses, three of them carrying packs. They went to hunt beaver on the head of Hay river and to prospect on Nelson river. The snow had not all gone and there was frost in the muskegs. They travelled north and northwestward, on an Indian trail. They crossed Pine river about twenty miles from St. John on their second day's travel. The valley is very deep and difficult, but the river is not large and is fordable. The valley is 600 to 700 feet deep. The country on either side is burnt and fallen timber and muskeg. Not hilly. Five days journey from Pine river they passed a lake which forms the head of Hay river. From the head of Hay river it was eight days travelling to the east branch of the Nelson. The country nearly to the Nelson is covered with burnt and fallen timber and muskeg, very difficult to travel through, but is not hilly. They reached the west bank of the east branch of Nelson river about June 8th or 10th and travelled along it for a day. The east branch of the Nelson is 100 yards wide where they reached it, but quite shallow. The valley is not deep. The country was timbered, but the timber was green and not dense enough to prevent travel with horses through it. There is summer feed for horses, but it would not be suitable for horses to winter out. The country has a better appearance near the Nelson than near the Hay and Pine rivers. The party prospected for gold in the Nelson and found good prospects. They were told that the Indians had cut a trail through to the Liard from the Nelson. There is a trail direct from the Peace river crossing to the Nelson, but the party returned to Fort St. John by the same route they had taken going out. The Indians make the round trip from St. John to the Nelson in 7 days. But Mr. L'Anglais believes the trail up Halfway river to the west branch of the Nelson is better. This was the route taken by Jack Graham, with his outfit, this spring, but Mr. L'Anglais did not hear how he had progressed. Coming down the Peace from Fort St. John Mr. L'Anglais came alone on the north side and fell ill by the way. He was laid up for several weeks. This gave rise to the report that he had been lost. He says the north trail from St. John to Peace river crossing is bad, but the south trail is good. He was eleven days coming from the head of Slave lake to Edmonton. Campbell and Brenton had not reached Slave lake post when he left. Eli Ringuette, who accompanied Mr. L'Anglais to Nelson river, arrived with the Nagle party from the Landing. L. Langevin returned to Nelson river to winter there.

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**RIFLE MATCHES.**  
The fall matches of the Fort Saskatchewan rifle association were shot off at the Fort on the 16th, 17th and 18th. The weather was fine all through, the matches although at times both wind and light were a little tricky. The numbers that turned out to shoot in the several matches were satisfactory and on the whole it was one of the best meetings yet held by the association, although Edmonton shots were conspicuous by their absence this year. Below are the names and scores of those who came in on the various matches:

**NURSERY MATCH—400 YARDS.**

	Total.	Prize
Const. Boake,	32	\$5
Const. Burke,	30	4
J. Shera,	30	3
T. W. Martin,	29	2
Sergt. Rudd,	28	1

**VICE-PATRON'S MATCH.**

W. G. Ross,	52	\$5
Const. McLellan,	60	4
Const. Ferguson,	59	3
Const. McLaren,	58	2
Const. Clark,	55	1
Sergt. Brooke,	53	1
Sergt.-Major Flintoff,	52	1

**PRESIDENT'S MATCH.**

Const. McLellan,	67	horse.
Sergt.-Major Flintoff,	65	\$5
Const. Ferguson,	60	4
W. G. Ross,	61	3
J. F. Forbes,	59	2
W. H. White,	58	1
Sergt. Rudd,	55	1
Rev. G. d'Easum,	55	1

**MERCHANTS MATCH.**

Const. McLellan,	59	\$5 in goods.
Staff-Sergt. Brooke,	57	Box cigars.
Const. Ferguson,	53	\$2.50, goods.
W. G. Ross,	50	Case-pipe.
J. F. Forbes,	47	1 sack flour.
T. W. Martin,	45	1 sack flour.
Rev. G. d'Easum,	45	\$3 livery bill.
Const. Clarke,	45	1 pail jam.
S.-Major Flintoff,	44	\$1 shaving.
Const. McLaren,	44	\$2 in goods.

**BREWERS MATCH.**

A. K. McLellan,	63	\$5
Geo. Ferguson,	57	4
A. R. Brooke,	57	3
A. McLaren,	55	2
J. Burke,	55	1
G. Wright,	53	1
W. G. Ross,	53	1

**ALL COMERS' SWEEPSTAKE.**

Sergt.-Major Flintoff,	59	35%
Rev. G. d'Easum,	58	25 "
A. K. McLellan,	56	20 "
Geo. Ferguson,	55	10 "
J. F. Forbes,	53	10 "

**UNLUCKY MATCH.**

J. F. Forbes,	19	\$3
G. Wright,	18	3
W. H. White,	17	2
F. Rudd,	17	2
F. F. Martin,	17	1
J. Burke,	12	1
R. Bell,	11	1

**TURKEY MATCH.**

W. G. Ross,	33	Big turkey.
J. F. Forbes,	33	Turkey.
S.-Major Flintoff,	32	Turkey.
G. Ferguson,	32	Turkey.
A. McLaren,	32	Turkey.
J. E. Graham,	29	Little turkey.

**SWEEPSTAKE.**

A. McLaren,	39	35%
A. K. McLellan,	38	25 "
J. F. Forbes,	37	20 "
F. Rudd,	37	10 "
W. H. White,	37	10 "

**LADIES' MATCH.**  
Mrs. T. Grindley, A. K. McLellan, 23; fruit dish and napkin ring.  
Mrs. Rockwell, Geo. Ferguson, 22; dress pattern and gloves.  
Mrs. Keegan, A. Brooke, 22; pickle castor, butter knife and sugar spoon.  
Mrs. W. H. White, W. H. White, 21; set ring and vase.  
Miss J. Cheley, J. Burke, 21; belt and brooch.  
Mrs. Moret, A. McLaren, 21; slippers and mittens.  
Mrs. Adamson, A. K. McLellan, 21; table napkins and napkin ring.  
Mrs. Ross, W. G. Ross, 21; teapot.  
Miss Bennett, J. Burke, 21; gloves and box of toilet soap.  
Mrs. Sweetapple, Sergt.-Major Flintoff, 20; hand mirror.  
Mrs. Mariaggi, N. W. McLaren, 20; umbrella.  
Miss A. Graham, Sergt.-Major Flintoff, 20; gauntlets.  
Mrs. Montgomery, F. Rudd, 20; table cover.  
Nellie Graham, J. E. Graham, 20; lace collar and ring.  
Miss d'Easum, Rev. G. d'Easum, 20; ladies' work box.  
Mrs. Graham, A. K. McLellan, 20; vase.  
Miss Moret, W. H. White, 19; 2 bottles perfume and silk handkerchiefs.  
Mrs. Smalley, W. H. White, 19; 2 silk handkerchiefs.  
Miss E. Cheley, Sergt.-Major Flintoff, 19; 2 bottles perfume.  
Mrs. Duggan, N. W. McLaren, 19; cultry.

The cup for the best scores during the season was won by A. K. McLellan from Mr. McLaren who was announced as being ahead in the last report.  
Typhoid fever is prevalent on the Crow's Nest pass road.

**MONTREAL TO YUKON.**  
W. S. Johnstone, late of Montreal, writes from Lake St. Ann under date Sept. 16th:  
I am starting out from this place this morning, heading for the Peace river valley, with suitable pack horses and ample supplies for one year. I have secured the services of S. Cunningham as guide and packer to Fort St. John, which place we expect to reach by the end of October at latest; and as he intends returning direct from there you will probably receive a short report of the journey from me about the end of November.

**LACOMBE LINKS.**  
Grand Master Robinson made Eureka Lodge, No. 65, A. F. & A. M. an official visit last week.  
Mrs. C. M. Glass left on Friday with her two little girls for an extended visit with friends in the east.  
Mr. Chambers, from near Guelph, has been visiting friends near here and spying out the country in the interest of two of his sons who think of making homes in the west.

Mr. Stovel, of Prince Albert, has been in town for some days, and on Saturday evening organized a court of the I. O. F. with a fairly good membership and the expectation of its being increased in the near future.  
Mr. Playle, photographer of Innisfail, has been in town during the past week on business.

Messrs. McLaren and Sheppard, of South Edmonton, passed through here last week on a hunting expedition, spending a day or two in and about town.  
Wm. Armstrong and F. Mobley, wife and son, arrived in town from the north on Friday. We understand Mr. Armstrong will return to the far north, where he left J. Rae, their other partner, in about a week. Mr. Mobley not returning till next spring.

There have been a good many sick with cholera morbus in and about town during the past week or two.  
There has already been a large amount of vegetables shipped from here this fall.

Mr. O'Neil, life insurance agent of Calgary, was in town Friday and Saturday.  
There have been two marriages in town recently: Mr. Wm. Owens, of Pleasant Valley, to Miss McPherson, of Guelph, Ont., and on Friday, 17th, Mr. Jas. Sharp, of Pleasant Valley, to Miss Day, also of Guelph, Ont., both ceremonies being conducted by the Rev. E. J. Cbequin.

Died on the 11th inst., at the residence of her son-in-law, Chas. Aldridge, Mrs. Clark. The funeral took place on Monday to Lacombe cemetery.

**FORT SASKATCHEWAN.**  
Our diamond hunters have been at work again unearthing strange specimens of a prehistoric age. Talking about diamonds, your correspondent read a very good joke the other day, by Mark Twain re the diamond jubilee, which will bear repetition. He was corresponding for the New York Journal of June 20, '97. The following is the passage: "Victoria reigns over more territory than any other sovereign in the world's history ever reigned over. Her estate covers a fourth part of the habitable area of the globe, and her subjects number about four hundred millions. It is indeed a mighty estate, and I perceive now that the English are mentioned in the bible—'Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.' The same might apply to the C. P. R. and the Edmontou district.

The settlers of Josephburg had a Harvest home jollification on Monday last and a number of people went out from here.  
Chickens in this district are not by any means plentiful; though more so than for the last two years. The Rev. G. d'Easum and L. Adamson got a bag of thirteen brace on the opening day. Anyone who expects to bag his limit of ten brace per diem will have to rustle.

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**LAND TITLES ACT 1894.**  
CANADA PERMANENT LOAN & SAVINGS COMPANY VS. SHANKS.

**NOTICE!**  
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Rouleau made herein on the 12th day of September, A. D. 1897, that the following lands and premises are offered for sale, viz: The south-east quarter of Section 10, Township 54, Range 24, west of the Fourth Meridian, in the District of Alberta, in the North-West Territories of Canada.  
And take further notice that Monday, the 8th day of November, 1897, is the date fixed by said order upon or after which the mortgages may make application for and obtain an absolute order for foreclosure of all the estate, right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the mortgage of, in and to the said lands and premises, pursuant to the provisions of the said Land Titles Act, 1894.  
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## LATEST FROM KLONDIKE.

An Ottawa despatch of Sept. 17th, says: Two mails direct from Yukon, one coming by St. Michael's and the other by the more direct, overland route to Dyea, are now to hand. Both contain the same intelligence, that famine, fever and hardships are the rule at Dawson, that 3,000 people will have no shelter other than tents in which to pass the rigor of an Arctic winter, and that supplies are already all sold. An effort will be made as early as possible to place stores at different points along the route from Lake Tagish to Dawson by means of dog trains. It is learned that the administrator's party will have in some instances to winter at these posts and certainly they will have to foot every step on snowshoes.

## SKAGWAY TRAIL.

A Kingston despatch of Sept 16th, says: Capt. A. H. Lee, of the Royal college, for some time investigating the overland route to the Klondike in the capacity of special commissioner of the London Chronicle has returned. Speaking of the White Pass route from Skagway he says that of those who have gone in the new direction there are now at moderate computation 7,000 men and 3,000 pack animals, hopelessly blocked in 18 miles between the sea and the summit of the pass. The scene is of unexampled horror. There is no trail worthy of the name except that which is blazed out by dead animals, piles of derelict baggage and the curses of the duped and disappointed men. Suicides are frequent and there is more misery to the square inch on the Skagway trail than to the cubic mile in most other portions of the earth. The route is blocked by boulders, precipices, mountains, bog holes. Almost constant rain and snow have greatly emphasized the difficulties and dangers which already existed. There is no possible chance of a tenth of the parties now on this trail ever reaching Lake Bennett, 40 miles distant. I hesitate to predict, for fear of being suspected of hysterics, but there is no possible doubt that the death list from cold, starvation and suicide will be a very long one before spring. It is impossible to find words strong enough to condemn the action of interested parties who are playing upon the imaginations of the people and turning them to disaster.

## TESTING MILK AT CREAMERIES.

By C. Marker.

As this milk testing is, perhaps, that part of the creamery work and management which is least understood by the great majority of the patrons of the creameries, a short description and explanation here may be of interest to those who wish to make themselves acquainted with the mode of sampling and testing milk as it is done at the creameries and cheese factories.

The fairness and honesty of the Babcock test, when properly manipulated is too well known to require any further comment here. The object of this article is simply to convey, through a short explanation, a more general understanding of the principles underlying the method of testing, according to which the proceeds are divided among those who furnish the milk.

Sampling of the milk: As soon as the milk brought in by each patron is weighed, it should be mixed thoroughly and a representative sample taken for testing, but as the making of daily tests would involve too much labor and expense, a certain method, equally as good, has been adopted during the last few years namely the composite method of testing. Bottles, labelled and corked, are kept for holding samples of each patron's milk at the creamery or separating station, and in order to prevent souring of the samples of milk in these bottles a small quantity of powdered bi-chromate of potash is put into each before the first sample of milk is put in; a small representative sample should now be added each day—hence the term, composite—for periods ranging from one to two or three weeks according to the present facilities for making the tests.

When the test is to be made the milk in each bottle should be thoroughly mixed and a sample taken from it with the 17.6 c. c. pipette and tested in the Babcock machine in the usual way. The readings of the butter fat will then represent the average quality of milk from which the composite samples were taken during that period.

## PURCHASE AT EDMONTON.

The Montreal Star publishes a letter from Geo. F. Ransom of the Montreal party bound for the Yukon, who passed through Edmonton some weeks ago. The party had outfitted in Montreal. Mr. Ransom writes: "The merchants in Edmonton did all in their power to assist us in getting off. A man can go to that place with ready cash and buy his complete outfit just as cheap as in Montreal, and some things cheaper. There were seven expeditions getting ready to leave; five Americans, about about twenty-five men, and one other Canadian company organized their five men beside ourselves. Two of the expeditions are going the overland route with pack horses. But the road is not opened up yet, and the old trail is covered with long grass, fallen trees, etc., which will make progress slow. The other five are coming "our way" by water. Each party is taking provisions for about one year and a half. We left Edmonton on Wednesday last with three teams, and about ten thousand pounds of provisions. They charge three-quarters of a cent a lb. to bring it to the Landing, which is very cheap, as the roads are rough and heavy with hundreds of hills. There is plenty of game along the route of about one hundred miles. It takes about four days. O. H. Bush and other teamsters have teams enough to drive hundreds of parties, and he is getting more ready for the spring rush. Colin Johnston is going to build boats all winter, and this is by far the cheapest route and the easiest to get freight in. The Northwest mounted police stationed at different places are very obliging, and give you all the information they know, especially at Edmonton and the Landing.

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We are about the best equipped party that has ever gone up. We leave here to-morrow, Wednesday, with another party of Canadians. I will write again at the first opportunity, as the mail is uncertain. This letter is sent to Edmonton from here by a teamster.

The Lethbridge News does not like the idea of the possible appointment of A. L. Sifton to the Northwest bench. It says: "Probably a dozen names could be mentioned of advocates in the Territories whose professional standing is higher than that of Mr. Sifton." But why doesn't the News name at least one of its dozen and give the public a chance to form an opinion of his merits and claims. Who is the dark horse? Trot him out.

The Regina town council recently passed the following resolution: "If Canada wishes to control the trade of that district she can only do so by having an 'all Canadian route' and as the proposed route via Edmonton is apparently the most direct one as also a practicable one we would most respectfully and earnestly urge upon the government the immediate construction of a road from Edmonton, and we believe that such a work would be in the best interests of not only the Northwest Territories but of the whole dominion."

## METEOROLOGICAL.

The following temperatures are reported from the Dominion government observatory Edmonton, for the dates given:

	Max.	Min.
Monday, 20,	83	
Tuesday, 21,	84	44
Wednesday, 22,	69	48
Thursday, 23,	69	38

Barometer reduced to sea level 30.169.

## MARKET REPORT.

Eggs, per dozen,	12½c
Butter, fresh,	15c
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